

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 19, from line 1 through line 12, with the following paragraph:

-- Two specific oligonucleotides which correspond to the published sequence of the CD gene (Austin and Huber, 1993, *Molec. Pharmacol.* 43:380-387) were used in polymerase chain reaction (PCR). The first oligonucleotide was used to introduce a more closely matching Kozak consensus start codon "ATG" in the place of "GTC" in the published sequence. Oligonucleotide 5'-CGGGATCCACCATGTCGAATAACGCTTTAC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 1) corresponds to the 5' end of the CD sequence but changes the start codon from GTG to ATG, more closely matches the Kozak consensus sequence (Kozak, 1986, *Cell* 44: 283-292). The second oligonucleotide introduced BamHI-restriction site starting 9 bp upstream from the ATG. Oligonucleotide 5' – GCTCTAGATCAACGTTTGTAAATCGATGGC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 2) corresponds to the 3' end of the CD sequence and contains an *Xba I* restriction site. A 1.3 kb DNA fragment of the modified CD gene was amplified by PCR using template DNA from an XL1 blue *E. Coli* strain. The PCR product was cloned into a pGEM-T Easy vector (Promega, Madison, WI). --